

RE: MB Docket No. 04-233,

I wanted to express opinion that the proposed introduction of lower power FM (LPFM) would be a serious disservice to those of us in the Utah area. Stations such as K-Love would no longer be able to operate and provide valuable service to our community. While not domiciled in the Salt Lake area, K-Love provides a valuable service to our community that would not exist in LPFM. My entire family listens and financially supports K-Love. Many families in addition to mine would be adversely impacted if they were not allowed to operate under the current FM power guidelines.

K-Love and other public radios that operate state wide and inter-state wide provide a valuable service to communities that they reach, which cannot afford to operate a local programming station. Many communities are positively impacted by the presence of these large transformer stations, which can operate more economically than locally operated stations. They provide greater programming flexibility and they are supported by the communities they serve. In addition, particularly in Utah, K-Love provides musical programming that would otherwise not be available to the people of Utah, at least not affordably.

Allowing LPFM stations to replace the current FM programming would be a serious step backward. It would allow small stations to operate at their own pleasure and not provide benefits to the community as a whole.